

## Superfund Sediment Site Questions for Region 6

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1. Please provide a brief description of the region's sediment sites. At what stage are these sites in the remedial response process?
2. What is the region's role in managing the Superfund remedial response process for sites with contaminated sediment?
3. How does the region coordinate with EPA HQ during the remedial response process for sites with contaminated sediment?
  - a. How does this coordination help or hinder decision making during the remedial response process, especially during remedy selection for a specific site?
4. How does the region coordinate and work with the cleanup-lead (e.g., a State agency, Federal agency, or Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)) during the remedial response process?
5. What are the key EPA policies or guidance relied upon by the region when managing contaminated sediment risks at Superfund sites?
  - a. What is your opinion of these policies and guidance?
  - b. What challenges, if any, has the region experienced in implementing these policies and guidance on Superfund sediment sites? How could these challenges be addressed?
6. What steps does the region take to ensure that these policies and guidance are being considered and implemented in the remedial response process for Superfund sites with contaminated sediment?
7. Please describe the process used by the region for considering and responding to comments provided by EPA's Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI) for Tier 1 sites (those sites with more than 10,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment or 5 acres).
  - a. What is the region's opinion on OSRTI's review of the Consideration Memo (including the type of comments they give)?
  - b. What challenges, if any, has the region experienced in the Tier 1 review process?
  - c. How, if at all, could the Tier 1 review process be improved?
8. What challenges, if any, does the region face in managing cleanups of Superfund sediment sites from both a regional and agency-wide perspective? What opportunities, if any, exist to address these challenges?
9. Please provide a few examples of Superfund sediment sites that present challenges for the region. What attributes have made these sites challenging?



10. Please provide a few examples of Superfund sediment sites in the region that are “success stories”. What attributes have made these sites successful?